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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR U.S. OFFICIAL TO VISIT EAST TIMOR

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMAL SOUNDINGS FROM GENERAL MURDANI'S OFFICE AS TO WHETHER THE AMBASSADOR, OR IN HIS ABSENCE TO CHARGE, WOULD ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON A TWO TO THREE DAY VISIT TO EAST TIMOR STARTING JULY 16. THE VISIT WOULD APPARENTLY BE LIMITED TO DILI AND BALCAU. WHILE WE LACK FULL DETAILS, SUHARTO WILL USE THIS OCCASION TO OPEN THE DILI AIRPORT TO REGULAR CIVILIAN TRAFFIC AND WILL PROBABLY PARTICIPATE IN A NUMBER OF OTHER CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE COORDINATING MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INFORMATION, AND INTERIOR.

2. THE GOI WILL REPORTEDLY INVITE CHIEFS OF MISSION FROM THE UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA, THE OTHER FOUR ASEAN MEMBERS, AND SEVERAL OTHERS WHOM THEY REGARD AS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE INDONESIAN POSITION ON EAST TIMOR. THEY WILL, IN ADDITION, INVITE A NUMBER OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT ACCEPTED INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR INTO INDONESIA  
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IN THE HOPES THAT SOME OF THEM WOULD ATTEND AND THEREBY ACCORD DE FACTO RECOGNITION TO THE STATUS QUO. OUR SOURCES HAVE REPORTED THAT A FORMAL INVITATION WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE EXTENDED TO US IF WE INDICATE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED.

3. WE HAVE REPLIED TO MURDANI'S OFFICE ON AN INTERIM

BASIS THAT THE AMBASSADOR IS LEAVING JAKARTA ON JULY 15 AND THAT IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT THEREFORE BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MAKE THE TRIP. THEY HAVE ASKED, IN HIS ABSENCE, IF THE CHARGE WOULD ACCEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE BEFORE REPLYING. OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE ACCEPT, SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE BY SOME OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION SO THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE. THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR, WHILE APPARENTLY NOT YET AWARE OF THIS FORTHCOMING INVITATION, HAS ALREADY TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE HOPES SOON TO VISIT EAST TIMOR. OUR ESTIMATE WOULD BE THAT HE WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT THIS INVITATION IF IT IS EXTENDED. ARGUING IN FAVOR OF OUR ACCEPTANCE IS THE FACT THAT WE DO NOT CONTEST THE INCORPORATION OF EAST TIMOR INTO INDONESIA; THAT CONGRESSMEN AND U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE ALREADY VISITED THE AREA; THAT THIS WOULD BE AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT SUHARTO; AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WOULD BE DESIGNED TO OPEN DILI AIRPORT TO REGULAR COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC AND TAKE OTHER STEPS DESIGNED TO NORMALIZE THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR.

4. REQUEST IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE.  
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